

COUNTRY GERMANY		REPORT NO. D-58-B-3423 B	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT US Major in VORKUTA			
AREA REPORTED ON VORKUTA, USSR		FROM (Agency) 7050th AISSW (USAF)	
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)

I. PREAMBLE:

While interned in Forced Labor Camp # 4, Pt 11, Incl # 1, Report A, in VORKUTA (6730N-6400E) from Jul 51 to Jun 53, SOURCE became acquainted with a US Major who worked together with him in Coal Mine # 6, Pt 12, Incl # 1, Report A. Info contained in this Report is based on SOURCE's personal observations.

II. US MAJOR IN VORKUTA:

When interned there, SOURCE met a man named RUDOLPH CHERNY (SOURCE's spelling), 45 years old, 1.75 m tall, slim, cropped black hair, brown eyes, flat nose, who maintained he was a US citizen, holding the rank of Major. Branch of service unknown. He conversed with SOURCE in broken German. SOURCE learned from him that he was member of SPIONAGE ABWEHR FUER EUROPA (Counter Espionage for Europe) in VIENNA (4811N-1620E). He was captured by Russians in 48, time, place and circumstances unknown. He was sentenced to 25 years forced labor for espionage. During WW II, he parachuted over YUGOSLAVIA, at the time the US Air Force was supplying the armies of TITO with arms and food supplies. Cherny related that he came from CHICAGO, Illinois, wher he worked as private detective, though he was engineer by profession, also that he had written several books. SOURCE said that forced laborers considered him as a dubious character. Forced laborers believed that Cherny was an informer to the MVD, for once a month he was either called or went on his own volition to the MVD for interrogation. On one occasion, when forced laborer was punished by the MVD, forced laborers thought that only Cherny could have informed on him, because he had been the only witness. He was well known for spinning yarns and telling unbelievable stories.

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